greater involvement of Panchayati Raj institutions; improvement of school infrastructure through Operation Black Board Scheme; establishment of separate schools for girls; provision of attendance scholarships; free text books and uniforms; exemption from tuition fees; appointment of more women teachers and provision of separate toilets for girls, scheme of alternative and innovative schooling for out of school children and girls, Mid-day Meals Programme and contextually relevant curriculum.

Inclusion of Dogri language in the Eighth Schedule

1747. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dogri had been recognized as an independent Modern Indian Language by the Sahitya Akademi, over a quarter of a century ago;

(b) whether there has been a persistant demand since then that Dogri be included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution; and

(c) if so, when Government intend to introduce necessray legislation for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The whole gamut of including new languages in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution is being re-looked into for evolving appropriate criteria therefor by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The question of introducing any legislation in this regard would arise only after the criteria are evolved.

UNICEF report on state of the World's Children-2000

1748. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report of UNICEF, titled "The state of the World's children-2000", which puts India very much at the rock bottom with regard to survival, development and protection of millions of children;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and